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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title:	<b>APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SPINAL DISTRACTION USING A FLIP-FLOP PORTAL</b>
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**AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 15, 2007, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page  
2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.